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**\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\***

## ***Jersey City OEM Announces Emergency Preparedness Plans for Nor'easter***

**JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy**, in conjunction the **Office of Emergency Management**, announced today that city officials are closely monitoring the nor'easter which has been dropping a wet snow on the area since mid-day. The nor'easter, which has been named Athena, is expected to bring high winds, significant snow and rain, and potential storm surges to the area tonight into Thursday morning.

Jersey City could see between one and three inches of snow and a storm surge between two and four feet, according to the National Weather Service. The Jersey City Incinerator Authority has spreaders positioned and ready for deployment as the snow begins to stick. The first areas the JCIA will handle will be the hills and main thoroughfares, followed by secondary and tertiary streets.

“We are asking residents in the low-lying areas to use common sense and shelter in place, and obviously stay away from the waterfront and the waterfront walkway,” said **Mayor Healy**. “We are still operating in an emergency command mode and all of our resources and assets are in position should this storm cause serious damage. We are in close communication with PSE&G and hope we do not see the progress that has been made in terms of restoring power diminished.”

The **emergency shelter** established at the **Jersey City Amory** is still open, and has adequate capacity for any residents seeking shelter from the nor'easter. The City has replenished emergency supplies including meals ready to eat, cots, and additional shelter supplies.

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Notifications will be made via the city's emergency notification system (C-3), the City website, the City Channel One, the City Facebook page, the City Twitter account, and other social media sites.

Parking enforcement regulations remain suspended. Residents who park their vehicles underground or in low-lying areas are being told to move their vehicles to higher ground in anticipation of the nor'easter.

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